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SUBJECT: GOI OFFICIALS DECLARE CRACKDOWN ON FRG FISHERIES
VIOLATORS

1. AN ICELANDIC COAST GUARD SHIP PURSUED A WEST GERMAN FISHING VESSEL 10 MILES BEYOND 50-MILE LIMIT AND CUT ITS TRAWLS YESTERDAY AFTER GERMAN BOAT WAS ALLEGEDLY DETECTED FISHING ILLEGALLY INSIDE ICELAND'S 50-MILE ZONE. GOI OFFICIALS SAID IT WAS FIRST TIME PUNITIVE ACTION HAD BEEN TAKEN OUTSIDE 50-MILE MARK AND DECLARED FURTHER STRONG MEASURES AGAINST VIOLATORS COULD BE EXPECTED IN FUTURE.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS, FRG TRAWLER BX 733, OTHMARSCHER, WAS CAUGHT 38 MILES FROM ICELAND'S SHORES ABOUT NOON NOVEMBER 22.

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TRAWLER IGNORED COAST GUARD VESSEL'S ORDER TO STOP AND PROCEEDED

BEYOND 50-MILE LIMIT WHERE IT RESUMED FISHING. COAST GUARD VESSEL PURSUED AND CUT TRAWLS OF GERMAN BOAT ABOUT 1530.

3. JUSTICE MINISTER OLAFUR JOHANNESSEN, WHOSE MINISTRY INCLUDES COAST GUARD, TOLD PRESS THAT BECAUSE OF REPEATED VIOLATIONS AND INTRUSIONS, MUCH STRONGER MEASURES WERE BEING TAKEN BY COAST GUARD AND THESE "WOULD BE EMPLOYED TO UTMOST OF ICELAND'S CAPABILITY IN FUTURE." COAST GUARD DIRECTOR PETUR SIGURDSSON SAID HE HAD DECIDED FEW DAYS AGO TO ACT AGAINST FRG VESSELS WHICH MADE PRACTICE OF FISHING ILLEGALLY AND THEN SEEKING SAFETY BEYOND 50-MILE ZONE WHEN DETECTED. NEITHER OFFICIAL RELATED STERNER GOI MEASURES TO FAILURE OF LATEST ROUND OF ICELAND-FRG FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS.

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